



Whereas the Queenes most excellent Maieſtie, vpon information giuen vnto her Highnes of the infection of the plague growen and diſperſed in her Cities of London & Weſtmiſter, did by her Proclamation dated at her Mannor of Woodſtocke the eighteenth of September, for the conſiderations therein expreſſed, cauſe the Terme of S. Michael to be adiourned vnto the fourth returne thereof commonly called Menſe Michaelis, hoping by that time, through the goodnes of Almighty God, and ſuch orders as by her Maieſties ſpecial commandement were appointed to be kept & obſerued, the ſaid infection of the plague might haue bene much diminithed: Forasmuch as her Maieſtie hath ſince receiued knowledge by certificats ſent fro London and Weſtmiſter, that the plague ſtill continueth little abated or diminithed, and therefore doubteth that if the ſaid Terme ſhould be kept at Weſtmiſter fro the ſaid Menſe Michaelis, it could not be but dangerous to ſuch her louing ſubiects, who for ſuits and other cauſes ſhould make their neceſſary repaire thither: Therefore vpon like conſiderations, her Maieſtie hath by aduiſe of her ſaid Counſel, found it very expedient, that it ſhould be adiourned from the ſaid Returne commonly called Menſe Michaelis, vntill the Returne commonly called Craſtino Animarum next enſuing. And thereby the reſt of the vſual terme to be continued & kept, for which purpoſe, eſpecial choice is made of her Maieſties caſtle of Hartford in her Countie of Hartford, where heretofore the Terme vpon the like occaſion hath bene kept, and at which place her Maieſties pleaſure is that now the reſidue of the ſaid Terme ſhal be kept: Both therefore declare & hereby ſignifie her will and pleaſure, That writs of adiournment ſhal be directed to the Juſtices of either Bench, and to the Judges of all other her Maieſties Courts to whom like writs haue bene vſually directed, giuing them authoritie to adiourne the ſaid reſidue of the ſaid Terme fro Weſtmiſter aforeſaid vnto the ſaid caſtle of Hartford, there to begin in the ſaid Craſtino Animarum next enſuing, & ſo to continue: And the ſame adiournement ſhal be made at the ſaid Returne called Menſe Michaelis. And alſo that all matters, cauſes & ſuits betwene partie and partie, as in her Highnes Courts of Chancerie, Star Chamber, Eſchequer, the courts of Wards & Lyueries, the Duchie of Lancaſter and court of Requeſts ſhal haue continuance, & the parties ſhal haue day from the ſaid Menſe Michaelis vntill the ſaid Craſtino Animarum at the ſaid caſtle of Hartford. Willing and commanding them and euery of them to whom it doth appertaine, to obſerue and keepe their apparances & aſſemblies in all and euery her Highnes ſaid Courts at the ſaid caſtle of Hartford in the ſaid Craſtino Animarum, in like maner, ſortme and condition, as they would, ſhould, or ought to haue done, if the ſaid Terme and Courts had bene holden and kept at Weſtmiſter, as they and euery of them will anſwere at their perils, any thing in her Maieſties ſaid former Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, her Maieſtie conſidering that if there ſhould happen to be any acceſſe and apparance of her louing ſubiects at the ſaid Caſtle or at the Towne of Hartford, during the reſidue of the Terme, of ſuch as haue had the plague in their houſes, or haue bene themſelues infected therewith, there might inſue great peril and damage, to thoſe that haue as yet bene cleere thereof, and ſo further inconuenience might grow thereby to the reſt of the Realme: her Highneſſe therefore for the auoyding thereof, doth ſtraightly charge and commaund, that no ſuch perſon or perſons, who haue bene ſo infected or haue had the plague in their houſes at any time ſince the xx. day of July laſt, of what eſtate or degree ſoeuer he or they be, ſhall repaire to the ſaid Caſtle or towne of Hartford, during the reſidue of the ſaid Terme, except he or they ſhall be commaunded by ſpeciall proces, or otherwiſe haue ſpeciall commaundement, for his or their perſonall apparance. And yet neuertheleſſe euery ſuch perſon or perſons ſo infected beſore his or their repayre to the ſaid Caſtle or Towne, ſhall beſore he or they enter into any houſe within the ſaide Towne or into the ſaid Caſtle, openly notiſie and declare by ſome meſſage his or their ſtate, touching his or their infection, with the cauſe for the which he or they ſhall be called by proces or other commaundement, to ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall be appointed by the Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, to haue the charge of the keeping of the gate of the ſaid Caſtle and entries into the ſaid Towne. So as if the ſaide party ſhall be ordered to come into the Towne, or into any Court within the ſaid Caſtle, the ſame ſhall after (during the time of his or their abode there) beare and hold by in his or their hand byright to be ſeene, one red rod, of the length of one yard or more, vpon paine of her Maieſties diſpleaſure, and impriſonment of their bodies during her Highneſſe pleaſure. And further her Maieſty ſtraightly chargeth and commandeth al Juſtices of peace of the ſaid County of Hartford dwelling within xii. miles of the ſaid Towne and Caſtle of Hartford, and all Juſtices of peace in the county of Eſſex dwelling within vii. miles of the ſaid Caſtle, & al bailiffes, conſtables, and head officers of any boroughs, towns, villages, or hamlets within viii. miles of the ſaid Towne and Caſtle of Hartford, that they and euery of them ſhal from and after the day of the proclaiming of this Proclamation within the ſaid county, do their beſt indeuors to make & ſet forth ſuch good orders, as (by the goodnes of God) may tend moſt to the preſeruatiō of al places within the ſame circuite of viii. miles from infection of the plague. And for that purpoſe to aſſemble themſelues together weekly at ſome conuenient place in both the ſaid counties, fro the time of the publiſhing of this Proclamation, vntill the end of the reſidue of the ſaid Terme, aſwel for the deuiling, as for the execution of ſuch good orders. And that the ſaid Juſtices of peace ſhal in the firſt day of the ſitting in the reſidue of the ſaid Terme, ſignify & declare to the L. Keeper of the great ſeale of England, al that they & the ſaid conſtables and other the ſaid officers ſhall then haue done in & about the premiſſes. And ſhal alſo from time to time ſolow ſuch directions as they ſhal receiue from the ſaid L. Keeper and other of her Maieſties counſel, being at Hartford, tending to the preſeruatiō of the places within the circuite aboue ſpecified from the ſaid infection of the plague: Not doubting but that aſwel the ſaid Juſtices as other the inferior officers wil carefully diſcharge their duty in that behalfe, as they tender the continuance of her Maieſties ſauor, and wil anſwere for the contrary at their perils. Given at her Maieſties Honor of Hampton Court the xxi. day of October 1592. in the xxxiii. yeere of her Highnes raigne.

God ſaue the Queene.